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Dedication

To Miss Ina Stevenson, in appreciation for her help and guidance, and her interest in each individual, we, the Seniors of 1954, dedicate this thirteenth volume of the Keepsake.

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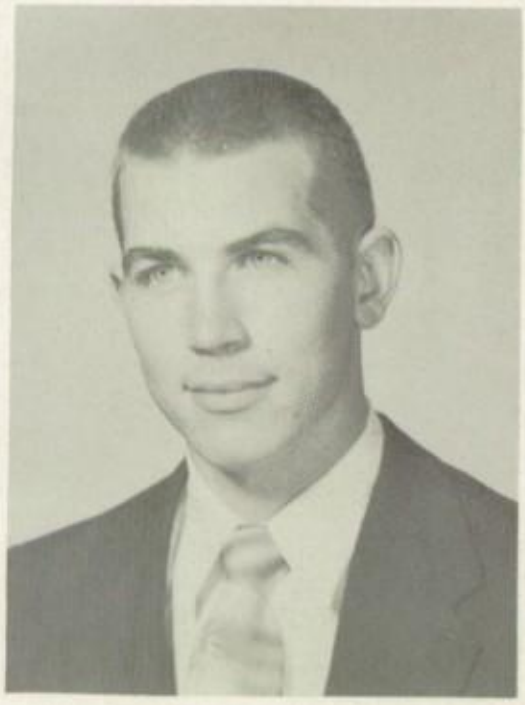

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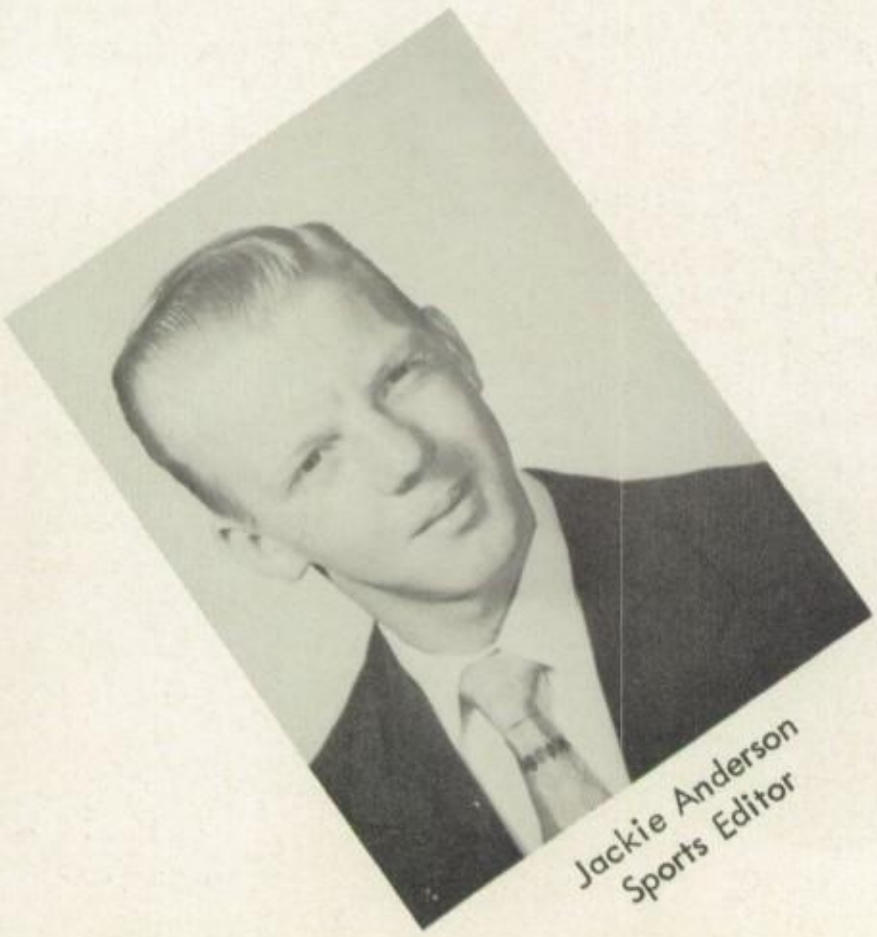

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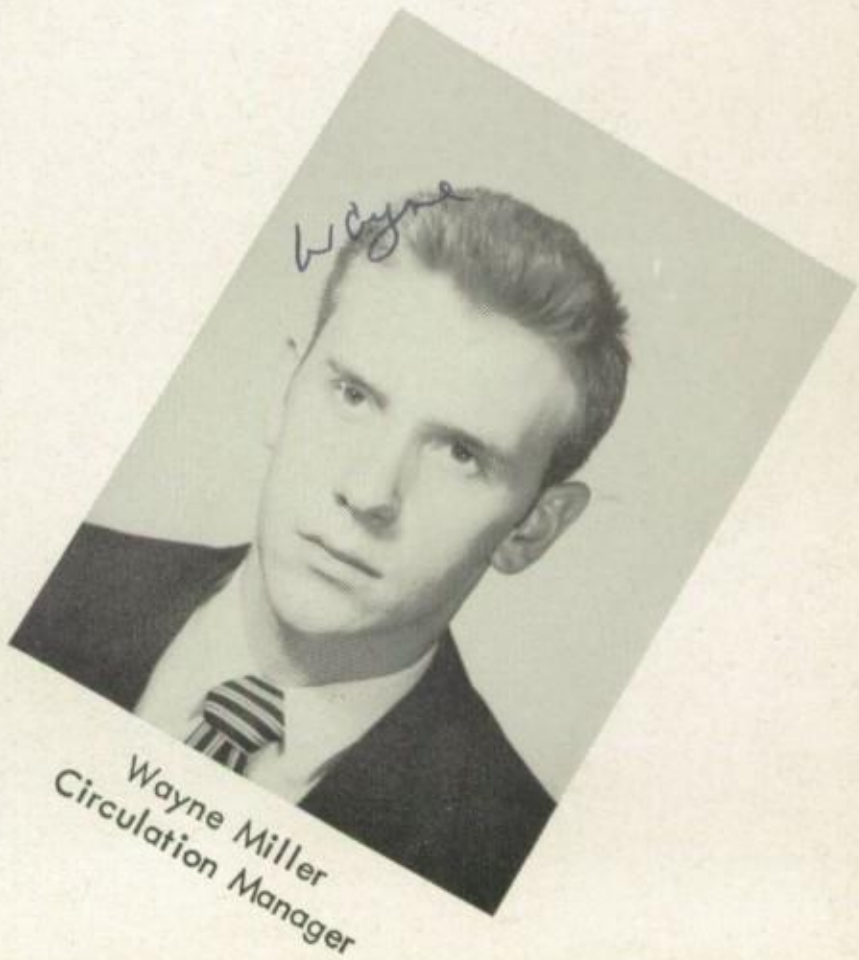

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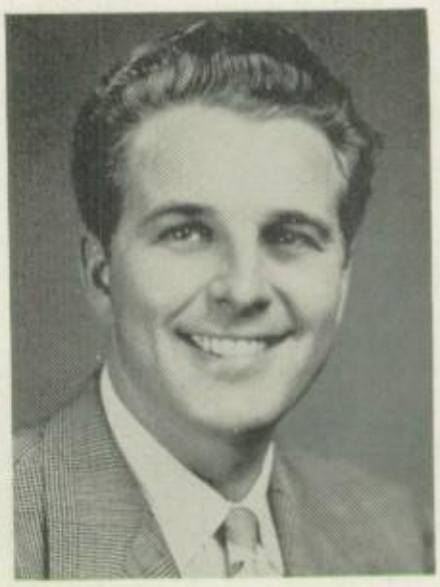

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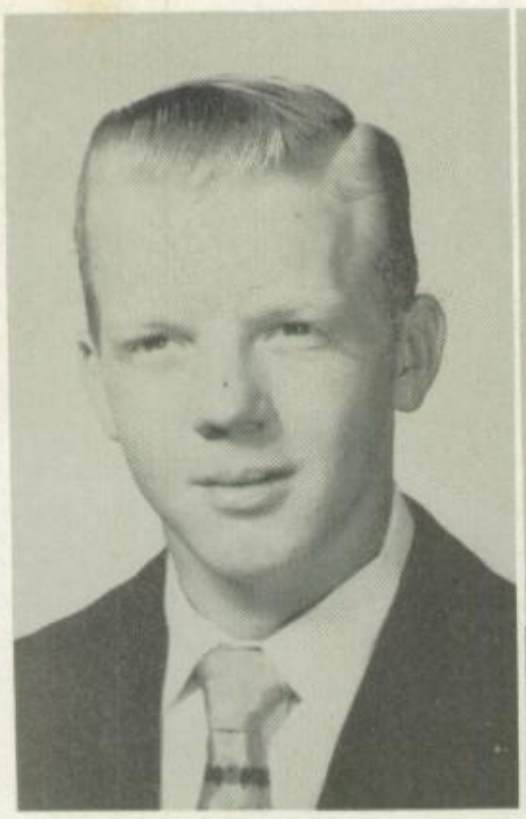
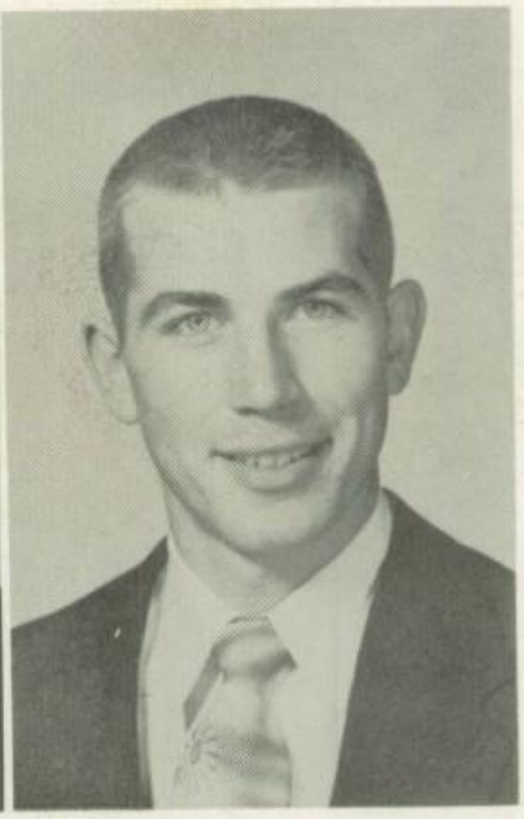
Junior Varsity 1
Basketball 2,3,4
Co-Captain 3,4
Monogram Club 1,2,3,4
Baseball 1,2,3,4
4-H Club 1,2,3,4
4-H President 4
Bus Driver 3,4
Annual Staff 4
Glee Club 4





WALLACE BEAVER
"Frank"

Junior Varsity 1
Basketball 3,4
F. F. A. 1
Monogram Club 4
Bus Driver 4
Annual Staff 4
Class President 4
Senior Play

PEGGY BEAVER
"Reserved"

4-H 1,2
F. H. A. 1,2,3,4
Glee Club 4

CAROLYN CALL
"Fun-Loving"

F. H. A. 1,2,3,4
Treasurer 4
4-H 1,2
Basketball 2,3,4
Monogram Club 2,3,4
Bus Driver 3,4
Senior Play

BARBARA DAVIS
"Gay"

F. H. A. 1,2,3
4-H 1,2
Office Staff 3
Glee Club 2,3,4
Beta Club 4
Class Day Officer 4
Senior Play

JANE EDWARDS
"Friendly"

4-H 1,2
County Dairy Food
Winner 1
Cheerleader 1
Class Reporter 3
Paper Staff 3
Glee Club 2,3,4
F. H. A. 1,2,3
Monogram Club 1,2,3,4
Senior Play

DORIS FESPERMAN
"Quiet"

F. H. A. 1,2
4-H 2,3
Paper Staff 3
Glee Club 3,4

BILL GRAHAM
"Capable"

F.F.A. Club 1,2,3,4
Sentinel 1
Secretary 2
Vice-President 3
President 4
County Sentinel 4
Boys State 3
Class Treasurer 4
Glee Club 4
Bus Driver 4
Basketball 2,3,4
Monogram Club 2,3,4
Junior and Senior Play

FAYE NELL GRAHAM
"Energetic"

Class Secretary 1
Class Treasurer 3
Class Reporter 4
Library Staff 1,3,4
F. H. A. 1,2,3
Beta Club 3,4
Vice-President 3
Secretary 4
Junior and Senior Play

SHIRLEY GRAHAM
"Witty"

F. H. A. 1,2,3,4
4-H 1,2

PEGGY HAYNES
"Scholarly"

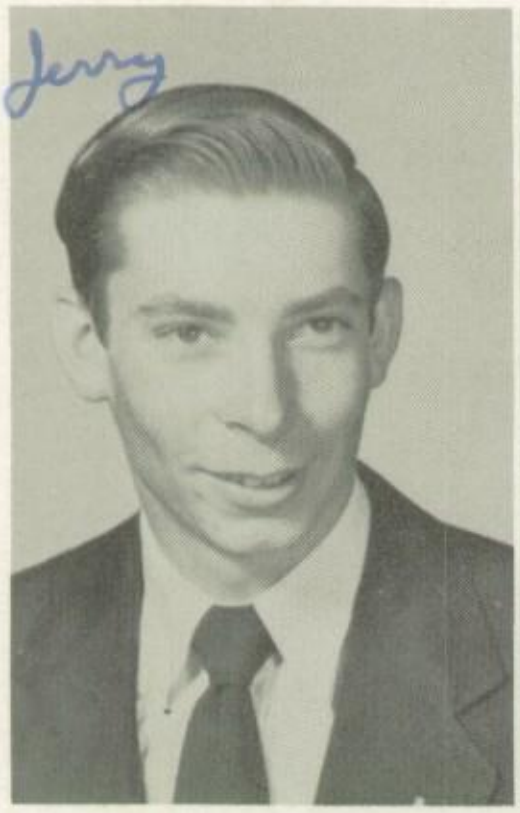
F.H.A. 1,2,3,4
Treasurer 2
Class Vice-
President 3,4
Beta Club 3,4
Treasurer 4
Cub Staff 3,4
Paper Staff 3
Glee Club 3,4
Secretary and
Treasurer 3
Marshal 3
Class Day Officer 4

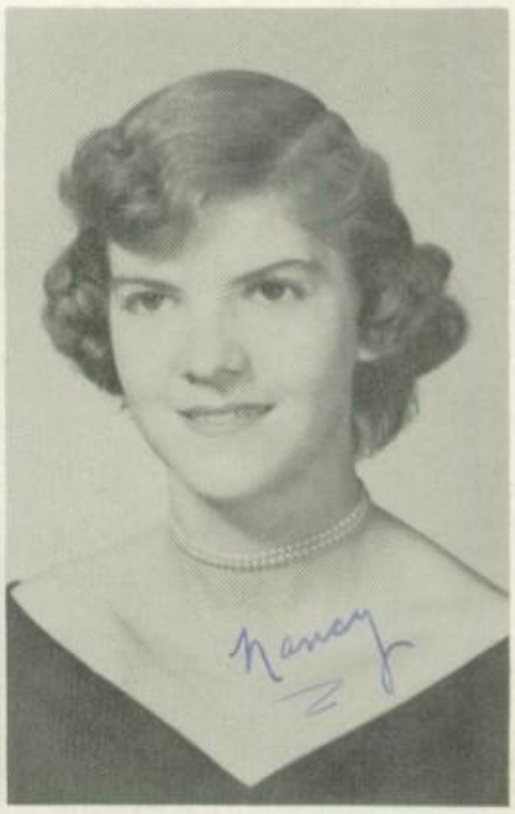
BOBBY KISTLER
"Persistent"

F. F. A. 1,2,4
F. F. A. Reporter 2
4-H 1,2
Glee Club 2
Basketball Manager 3,4
Monogram Club 3,4
Junior Play

JERRY LENTZ
"Leisurely"

F. F. A. 1,2,3,4
4-H 1,2
Senior Play





NANCY LONDON
"Complacent"

4-H 1
F. H. A. 1,2,3
Class Secretary and
Treasurer 2
Paper Staff 3
Marshal 3
Glee Club 2,3,4
Beta Club 3,4
Vice-President 4
Junior and Senior Play

BETTY MILLER
"Helpful"

F. H. A. 1,2
4-H 1,3,4
Marshal 3
Beta Club 3,4
Cub Staff 3,4
Library Staff 3,4
Glee Club 3,4

WAYNE MILLER
"Cheerful"

Junior Varsity 1
Basketball 2,3,4
Baseball 3
Monogram Club 2,3,4
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4
Treasurer 4
Glee Club 4
Bus Driver 4
Annual Staff 4
Junior and Senior Play

HELEN McGEE
"Dependable"

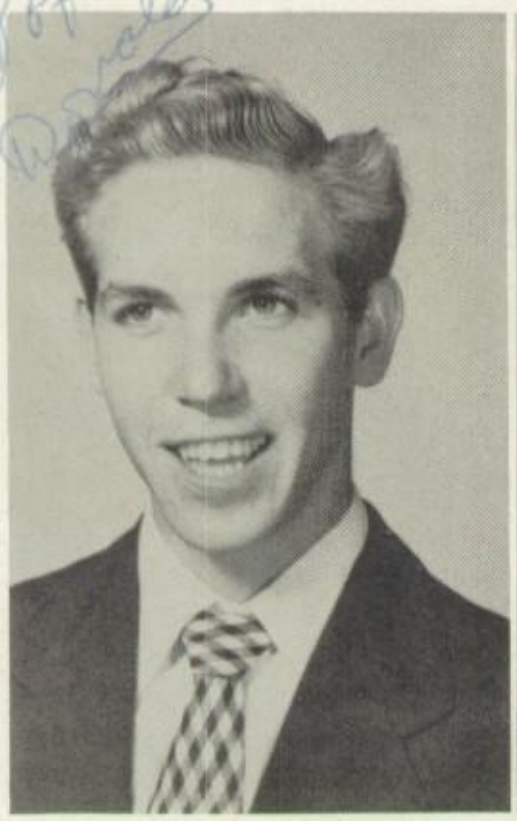
F. H. A. 1,2,3,4
4-H 1,2,3,4
Annual Staff 4

BOBBY McWILLIAMS
"Ambitious"

Beta Club 4

DON PARKER
"Frolicsome"

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4
4-H 1,2,3,4
Glee Club 3,4



HAZEL PINKSTON
"Demure"

4-H 1,2
F. H. A. 1,2,3,4

STARR STARLING
"Artistic"

Transfer From
Advance 2
Cheerleader 2,3
Chief 3
Paper Staff 3
F. H. A. 2,3,4
Glee Club 2,3,4
Library Staff 2,3,4
Monogram Club 2,3,4
Annual Staff 4
Junior and Senior Play

JEAN TURMAN
"Purposeful"

Class Reporter 1
F. H. A. 1,2,3
Cheerleader 1,2,4
Monogram Club 1,2,3,4
Marshal 3
Glee Club 2,3,4
Beta Club 3,4
Cub Staff 4
Annual Staff 4
Senior Play

J. LEE TURMAN, JR.
"Understanding"

Bus Driver 3,4

PEGGY WEST
"Versatile"

F. H. A. 1,2,3
4-H 1,2
Class President 2
Secretary 3,4
Basketball Manager 3
Monogram Club 3,4
Secretary 4
Beta Club 3,4
Secretary 3
President 4
Paper Staff 3
Chief Marshal 3
Cub Staff 3
Annual Staff 4
Class Poet 4

Class History

It was a terribly warm August morning in nineteen hundred and fifty, that thirty-seven, wet-browed people were brought together and branded as "very green freshmen," by the upper classmen. We had as our advisors, Mr. K. K. K. Box and Mr. D. N. Jeffers. The initiation of our boys and girls into the F.H.A. and F.F.A. Clubs proved to be a lot of fun. Finally, after having lived through our Algebra, Health, Physical Education, and English classes, we closed the first year of this new life, with a skating party at Brown's Skating Rink.

After a three months vacation with no home-work, we were anxious to see old friends and climb another rung up the ladder of success. Again our advisor was Mr. Box, (No! We didn't fail last year, he was promoted with us). Our favorite subject was Biology. All those odd looking creatures you saw running around were our bugs. Since everyone had enjoyed our last skating party, we decided to close this year with one, too.

We entered our junior year with Mrs. W. L. Johnston, and twenty-seven enrolled (a slight decrease from last year's thirty-six). We learned that this year was to be packed full of exciting events. The first of these, the annual sale of Christmas cards for the Junior-Senior Banquet, was quite successful. The next was six of our eight geniuses becoming members of the Beta Club. The next, even though it was nerve-racking was the Junior play, for the benefit of the Junior-Senior Banquet also. Soon afterwards we ordered our class rings.

As the days grew warmer and longer, the "Jolly Juniors" donned blue jeans and stayed after school to help get ready for the long awaited banquet. When the day of May second arrived, we all got dressed in our divers suits and went to visit Father Neptune "Under the Sea." From this event we went into our final exams. The week after school closed we all gathered at Happy's Lake for an evening of fun topped off with a picnic supper.

Ah! "Dignified Seniors" at last. Our objectives this year are to give the Senior play, to publish The Keepsake, and to keep up with our classes so that we can graduate in May. Now that we have our rings, we look back upon the last four years with satisfaction, except that maybe we could have studied a little harder.

Now that we have completed these years, we, the Senior Class of fifty-four wish for our underclassmen and everyone else who has made our school life a happy one, the best of everything, and to you we say "goodbye."

HELEN McGEE

Historian

Class Prophecy

"Louise, why are the lights on in the garden? Isn't it beautiful down there from here on the terrace? The roses are so pretty this time of year. I've always loved the different colors of the roses and their sweet fragrance. It's so alluring that I must go down. Call me when dinner is ready."

Everything is quiet except the clicking sound of my heels on the beautiful rock steps leading to my rose garden, but yet, I don't feel alone. My favorite roses are swaying with the evening breeze—to and fro, until—why it seems as if fairies are dancing round and round me and they are singing a happy song! What is it? I can hear the melody but the words— what are they, no, it must be the wind—it's someone, but who? It's a man's voice. Oh, I see a tall, distinguished man over by the swinging garden gate now. "Why Wallace Beaver, it's so good to see you again! The last time we were together was the night of graduation in 1954. Come into the garden, won't you? What? There are more? Who? Your wife and all the ones who graduated in '54 and their families! Why, what a surprise. Come in everyone and wander around the garden and sit on the terrace. Don't go too far though because I want to talk to everyone. You're staying for dinner? So, that's why Louise kept wanting me to get out of the house. You let her know but it was to be a surprise for me. Yes, I know what the occasion is now. We were graduated from Mount Ulla High ten years ago. Today is the anniversary and I hadn't realized it. How stupid of me.

"Wallace, since you seem to be leading the group as you did when you were president of our senior class, tell me about everything that's been happening around Mount Ulla and how all of you got together to come here. Of course, since my home was centrally located, you wrote to everyone telling them to meet here and decided to have it a surprise for me.

"Everyone is looking wonderfully young, but I suppose all of us have learned lots, since we got out of school and have become more experienced in the roles we are now playing.

"What have you done since graduation, Wallace? Well, Uncle Sam was sure lucky to get a good guy like you to fight for him, but what have you been doing since you got out of the army? A construction engineer? The work sounds quite fascinating. Don't be so modest! I know you must be the best engineer around anywhere because you were always one to succeed.

"Isn't the man over near the edge of the garden Wayne Miller? Of course, it is. Let's remember to speak to him. So he's the coach of Mount Ulla School where the enrollment has grown to about 2,000 pupils. That's wonderful, and speaking of coaches, I read in the paper that Jackie Anderson is now the head coach of Duke University. He was married last week! I'd like to meet his bride but let's speak to everyone as we go around to the other side where they are.

"Let's stop to speak to this little group. Why it's Nancy London and her husband, a Lutheran minister, and Faye Nell Graham and Peggy West with

their husbands. Nancy, I see you have a full-time job with your duties as a minister's wife and caring for your two children. And Faye Nell, I'm so happy to hear that your Home Economics Teacher's Course has developed into the profitable work of a Home Demonstration Agent. Peggy, your secretarial course is also profitable since you're your business husband's private secretary. That's a good arrangement, Peggy.

"Whose cute child is that, Wallace? Of course, I should have known it looked like Doris and John Correll. Yes, I thought she'd be keeping house, because you remember she was married the year we were seniors.

"Did you say that Peggy Haynes is a stenograper for the largest business in the city of Mount Ulla? And her friend Betty Miller has become quite popular through the name "Miller's Florist"at Mount Ulla where she has converted the ragweed blossom into the world's most exotic flower.

"Carolyn Call, Hazel Pinkston, Peggy Beaver, Helen McGee, and Shirley Graham, along with their husbands are over by the pink roses. Carolyn, Hazel and Peggy are all part-time telephone operators at Mount Ulla, while the other time is spent in homemaking. Yes, I knew Shirley was interested in dancing, but I didn't think of her becoming the famous dancing instructor at Mount Ulla. And Helen has become famous too, I suppose. What is she doing? A laboratory technician! How nice!

"Hello, Gentlemen. Why that was Bobby Kistler, the guy who has settled so many F.B.I. cases, and Don Parker, Jerry Lentz, and Bill Graham. So Don is the manager over all the Ketner's Stores, but Jerry and Bill—what are they doing? I'm not surprised that they are the most prosperous farmers and dairymen in North Carolina. They were always good workers.

"That isn't everyone, is it, Wallace? No, there are Bob McWilliams and J. Lee Turman, Jr. It seems as if they are having a happy reunion. Since J. Lee owns a large hotel in Miami, Florida, and Bob operates a service station in Pennsylvania, they haven't seen each other in years!

"There are several people on the terrace. Let's go up, Wallace. Why of all people! It's our senior sponsor, Miss Stevenson. It's so good to see you again after all these years. Here are some other notables whom I must speak to. Starr Starling, a New York model and her artist husband and Jane Edwards, a housewife and her engineer husband; and Jean Turman, a private secretary, who married her "boss." Of course, I must talk with her a while and discuss old times as I must with everyone.

"It seems as if everyone has moved up here on the terrace. What? You want to hear about me? Well, Louise is calling for dinner now so we'll close the terrace doors to the night's chill and I'll tell you about me after dinner. Come in all."

BARBARA DAVIS

Prophetess

Superlatives

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Peggy West
Bill Graham

MOST POPULAR
Starr Starling
Wallace Beaver

BEST ALL AROUND
Jane Edwards
Wayne Miller

BEST DRESSED
Nancy London
Jackie Anderson

QUIETEST
Betty Miller
Jerry Lentz

Superlatives

MOST MUSICAL
Starr Starling
Bobby Kistler

MOST INTELLIGENT
Peggy West
Bobby McWilliams
(Not Pictured)

WITTIEST
Shirley Graham
Don Parker

FRIENDLIEST
Carolyn Call
Wayne Miller

LITTLE MR. & MISS
M. U. H. S.
Laurie Davidson
Stevie Meadows

Superlatives

BEST LOOKING
Bill Graham
Jane Edwards

CUTEST
Barbara Davis
Jackie Anderson

MOST ORIGINAL
Helen McGee
Bobby Kistler

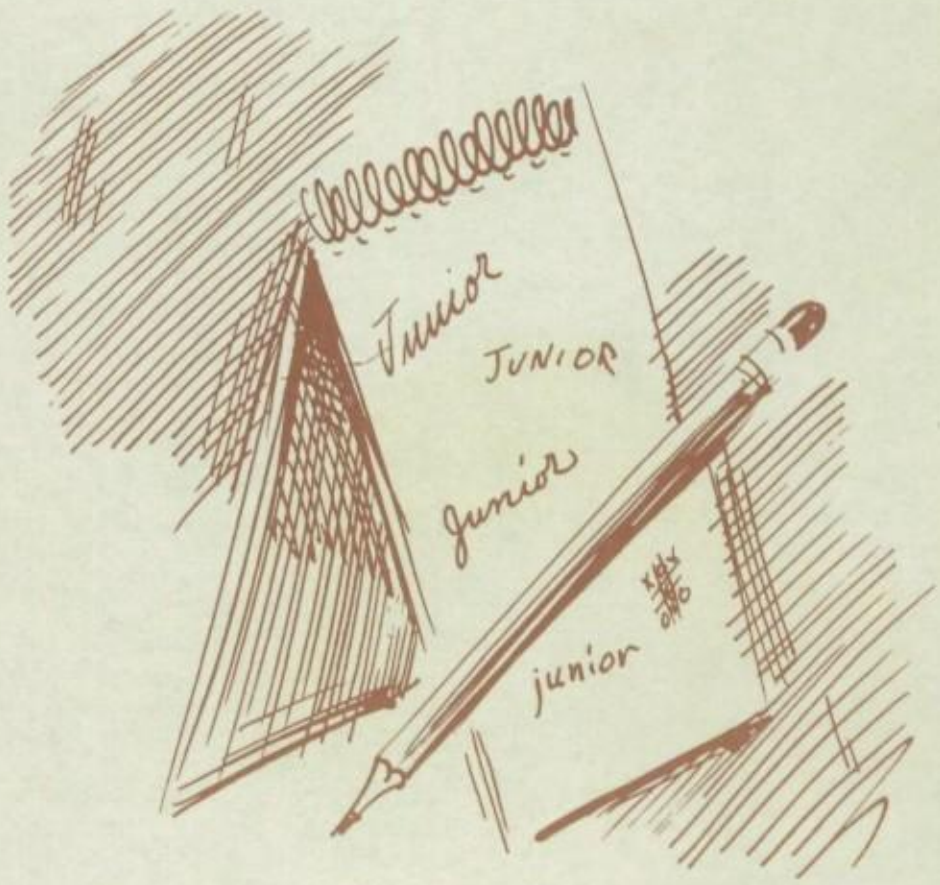
MOST ATHLETIC
Carolyn Call
Jackie Anderson

MOST CO-OPERATIVE
Peggy Haynes
Wayne Miller

Statistics

NAME	HOBBY	PET PEEVE	FAVORITE SAYING	FAVORITE FOOD
Jackie Anderson	Sports	Book Reports	"Crazy Thing"	Steak
Wallace Beaver	Dating	Work	"You'll live"	Hot Dogs
Peggy Beaver	Dating	Homework	"Hang in 'ere will ya?"	Cheeseburger
Carolyn Call	Basketball	Homework	"Aw Heck!!!"	French Fries
Barbara Davis	Bowling	Homework	"Foot!"	Hot Dogs
Jane Edwards	Dating	Work	"O, Heavens!"	Fried Chicken
Doris Fesperman	Skating	Work	"How dare you!"	Hot Dogs
Bill Graham	Swimming	Work	"I'll be dog-gone!"	Hot Dogs
Faye Nell Graham	Dating	Two-timers	"Don't be funny"	Cream Cheese
Shirley Graham	Square Dancing	Homework	"You better believe it"	Cheeseburgers
Peggy Haynes	Piano Playing	Current Events	"Nuts!"	Hamburgers
Bobby Kistler	Swimming	Book Reports	"Shucks"	French Fries
Jerry Lentz	Delivering Letters	Book Reports	"You're full of mud!"	Bar-B-Q
Nancy London	Eating	Gossiping	"Really"	Fried Chicken
Helen McGee	Reading	Work	"Aw Shucks!"	Hamburgers
Betty Miller	Flowers	Nosey People	"Mean, I reckon"	Potato Chips
Wayne Miller	Sports	Work	"Dog Gone!"	Steak
Bobby McWilliams	Swimming	Homework	"You'll be alright"	Cheeseburgers
Don Parker	Skating	Work	"Kiss my foot, my heart is broken"	Baked Ham
Hazel Pinkston	Dating	Work	"Aw heck!"	Nut Sundae
Starr Starling	Dancing, Dating	Work	"Don't speak to me for 3 days!"	Potato Chips
Jean Turman	Skating, Dating	Work	"Fiddlesticks!"	French Fries
J. Lee Turman	Girls	Boys	"By Golly"	Bar-B-Q
Peggy West	Playing Piano, Dating	People who're late	"Aw Really"	Pickles

Juniors



Next on the program was the Junior - Senior. Remember the days we decorated + that day (Fri.) you, Judith, Marilyn, Mrs. Johnston + I went after flowers, favors, &c. Then at school, you, Dari, + I went up stairs to take some bodies + we stayed + stayed — what was it we tried to do? No, I haven't forgotten, have you? The next Friday was the Sub Banquet, the night after Field Day and boy didn't we girls look good with blistered face, & arms, + sore!! I'm really going to have to teach you + Sonny better manners, it seems, maybe I'll tell Ralph. I'm sorry he couldn't have been there.

Enough of this reminising. Becky, truly, words cannot express how much you have meant to me these past 3 years. Not all the times in words, but many times in deeds. When school is out and you are gone, don't ever forget me. May the best of everything come to you and Ralph. You really deserve the best if anyone does. I love you lots + lots.

Always a friend,
Faye Linzy

P.S. Wish Sonny the
luck in the future.!!
I'm hoping!

Pres. Edwin Owens
Vice Pres. Marilyn Boyd
Treas. Judith Brown
Sec. Becky Starling
Becky

Faye Beaver

Jo Ann Blackwelder

Marilyn Boyd

Betty Briggs

Judith Brown

Barbara Caudill

Glenn Connelly

Doris Cook

Nathan Fleming

Jo Carol Graham

Jimmy Graham

Annie Lee Greene

Louise Houston

Patricia Kennerly

Geraldine Leazer

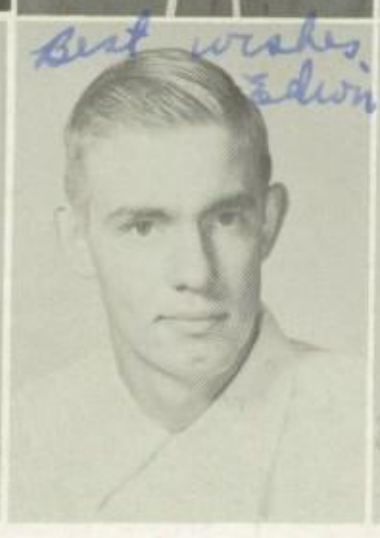
Faye Lingle

Myra Lipe

Marie Little

Donnie McBride

Nancy Miller



Edwin Owens

Lawrence Rex

Ronald Rice

Becky Starling

J. C. Upright

Delane Waller

Margie Weaver

Phyllis Winecoff

Class Poem

Our Farewell

Now draws near that sad day
When we must say good-bye.
How heavily upon our hearts the years will weigh
Apart from friends of old Mount Ulla High.

As we bid sorrowful farewell to school day mates,
Let this parting be one of solemn devotion.
Thus consecrating ourselves, assured that nothing fate
May hold will e'er weaken life's foundation.

With a parting pledge of allegiance
To the lofty goals of life ahead,
May we now face each tomorrow with forbearance,
Mindful of those who went before the paths they led.

Class Song

Memories

(Tune: Tenderly)

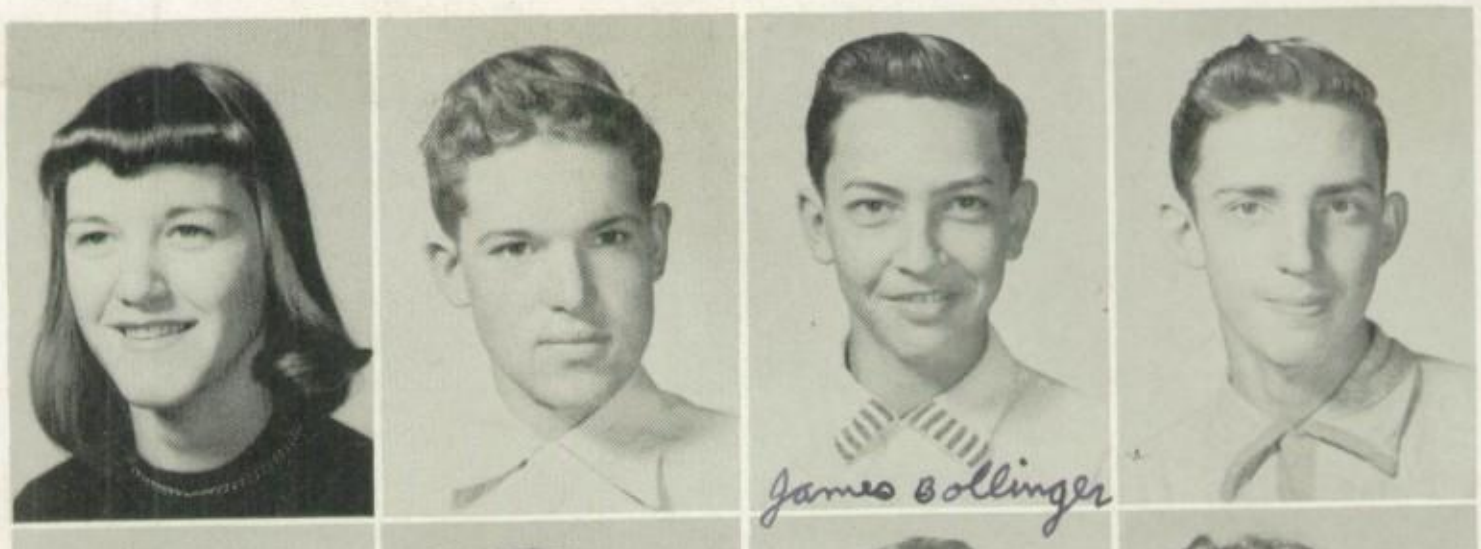
The memories of days gone by,
Will remain,
The fun we had, the friends we made,
Will remain.
We'll never forget the debt that we owe,
To teachers and all we know.
It is so sad, to say good-bye
To each one,
We realize the journey has just begun,
And as we depart,
Keep us in your heart,
Our love we'll store in memories,
That will remain.

Sophomores

Pres. Franklin Meadows
Treas. Gail Anderson
Sec. Don Turman

Reporter. Betty Watson
Vice Pres. Clifford Kerr

Gail Anderson
Stephen Atwell
James Bollinger
Bobby Brown



Betty Faye Childers
Dale Cobb
Robert Connelly
Jane Correll

Norman Correll
Joan Davis
Janet Dobbins
Bill Edwards

Steven Edwards
Barbara Ervin
Shirley Estes
Barney Goodman

Betty Goodman
Shelby Goodman
Pete Hallyburton
Shriley Karriker

John Kepler
Clifford Kerr
Helen Lentz
Doris McBride

Onlie McLaughlin
Franklin Meadows
Vicki Moore
Paul Moose

Frances Orbison
Jeanette Poteat
Rachel Rex
Shelby Rex

Don Turman
Peggy Turman
Lorene Turner
Mary Sue Waller

Betty Watson
Eugene Weaver
Kinny Wiggins
Ann Yount

Jackie A.

Jane E.

Starr S.

Jean T.

Bobby K.

Peggy B.

Don P.

Carolyn C.

Barbara D.

Betty M.

Peggy W.

Nancy L.

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Jerry L.

Bobby McW.

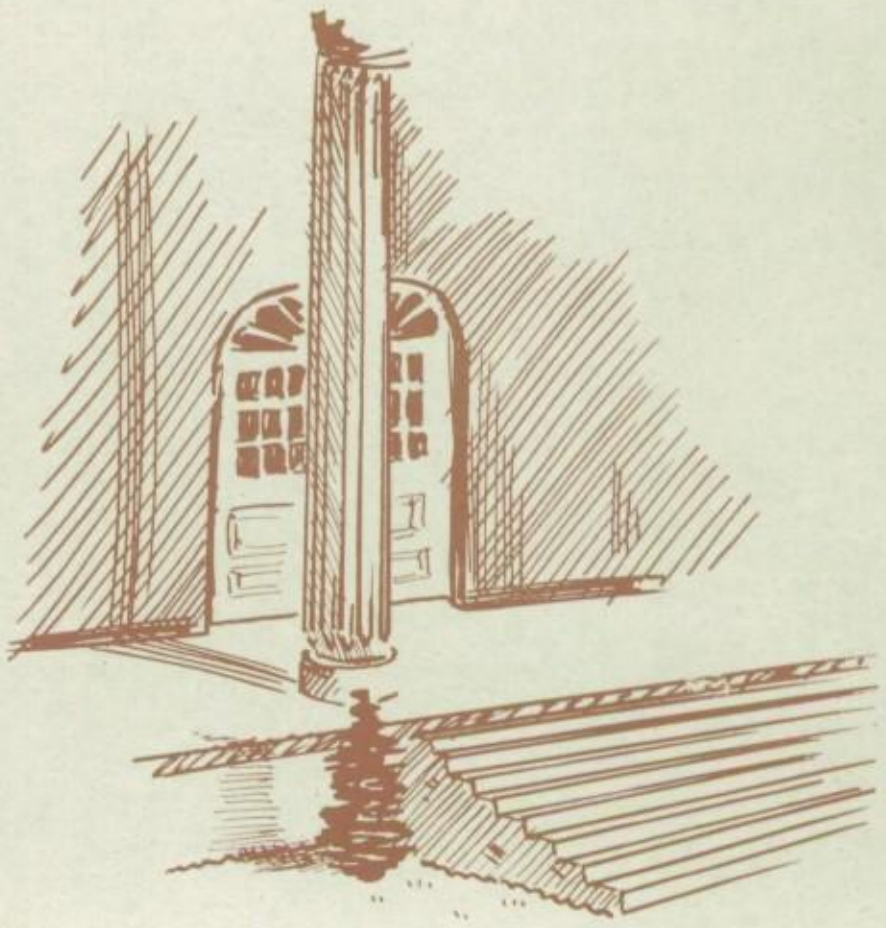
Doris C.

Peggy H.

Faye Nell G.

Helen McG.

Freshmen



Sec. Martha Jane Gibson

Treas. Peggy Sue Fesperman

Vice Pres. Rayford Eudy

Pres. Jane Parker

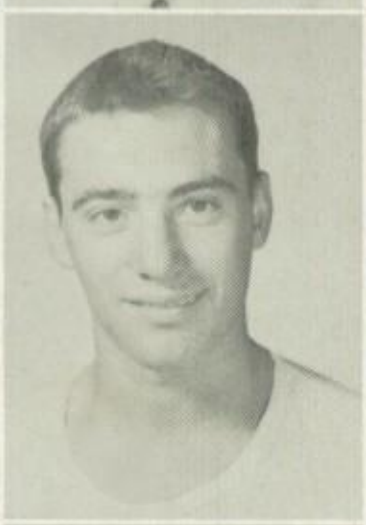
Ronald Anderson

George Beaver, Jr.

John Beaver

Richard Beaver

Larry Beaver



Marilyn Blackwelder
Ray Bolick
Bobby Boyd
Doris Briggs

William Bringle
Sylvia Carpenter
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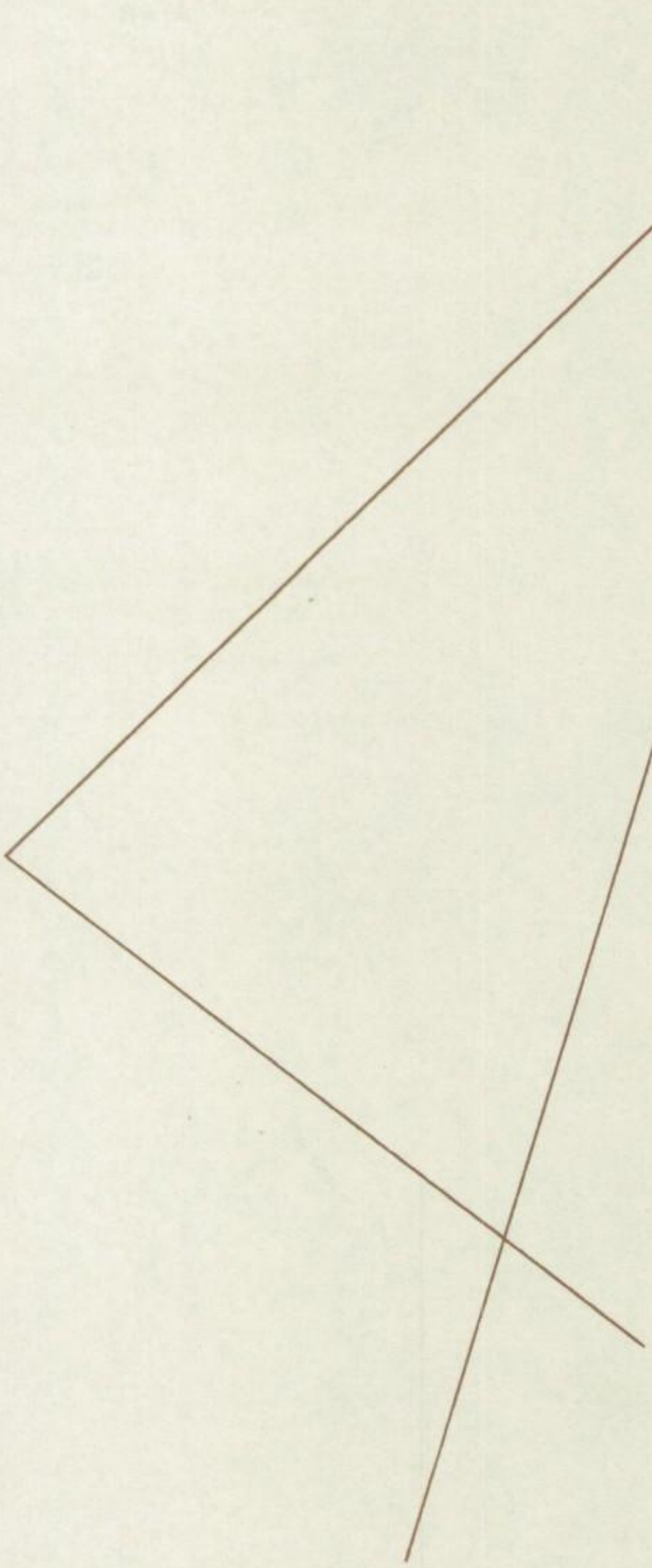

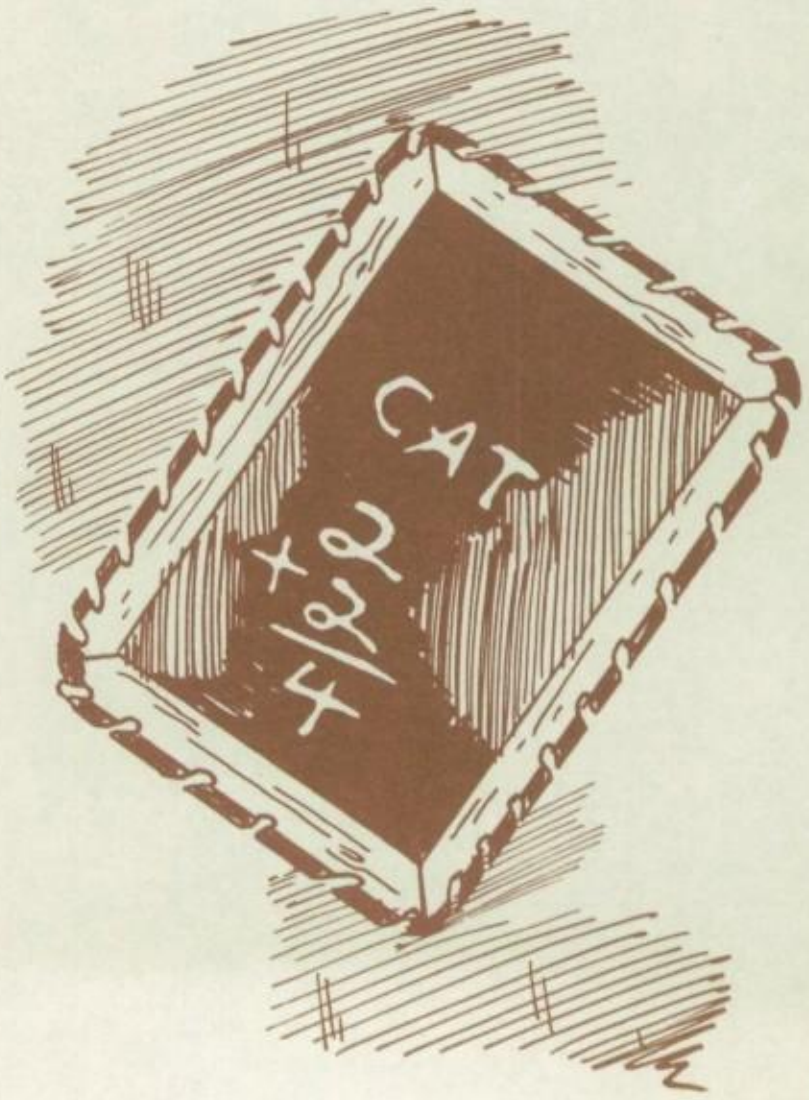

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First Grade

Activities

Then there were the French I classes. Boy, what fun (fun??) that good ole Sophomore year we still weren't too close, but the next year, the year, our dear Junior year. How really pleasant these memories are. To recall just a few I'll try to begin at the beginning, but that will probably be impossible. Remember how heart-hearted I was at the first of this year, poor me, but you Becky, you really helped me on with your quick smile, funny remark, etc. they helped more than you know. At that time, I was in study hall 5th period with you, and remember those magazines and silly giggles, especially the "Post" and Hazel. Gosh, that was the only way we could tell if we had seen that magazine or not by the cartoons. Then something happened between a certain person (Barney, by name) and I, and I was no longer at the desk with you, but that didn't stop us. There was still French II, History classes. That French, (you get the verbs, I'll get the translation) or (wait + we'll get it together). Such fun working together.

(Becky, please forgive me, how could I forget the most important event in our Sophomore year — Cheerleading. ~~Oh well~~ Weren't we good? I'll say — no conceit in us. No one could do "Take me out to the ball game like us, could they, nor jump together, except us. I really missed you this year, but there's always next year. I hope both of us make it. Good luck to you on it.)

Now, where was I, oh yes, next (I suppose is on the list) is History. Remember the highlight of that class, yes, the World Peace Contest "How Can the United Nations Prevent Communist Aggression and Preparation for Aggression." Golly gal, I've been so proud of anyone in my life as I was of you then. And believe me, if I had to do over, I still would listen to your speech a dozen times. It seemed I learned something new from it every time. I forgot something else "our" Trip to Mexico: Wasn't that fun, but boy, I was really tired when I got home, + you, you were just beat; but it was really worth it. What about that Monogram initiation + Beta Club! How boards were dead and that stuff we ate? Gosh!!! How about in Mooresville at the Beta initiation. I never did get that picture, + I took it on!. Oh yes, last year (10th grade) when we went to Mr. Barnhardt's church and came back by Marrow Mt. And us two or two hens, if Farrell + whitey had put the windows up, we would have listened to them. (I don't think we were having too much fun to stop it.) This year we went to Granite Quarry (Mr. Barnhardt's school) + to Hurley. Still we had a good time, + don't

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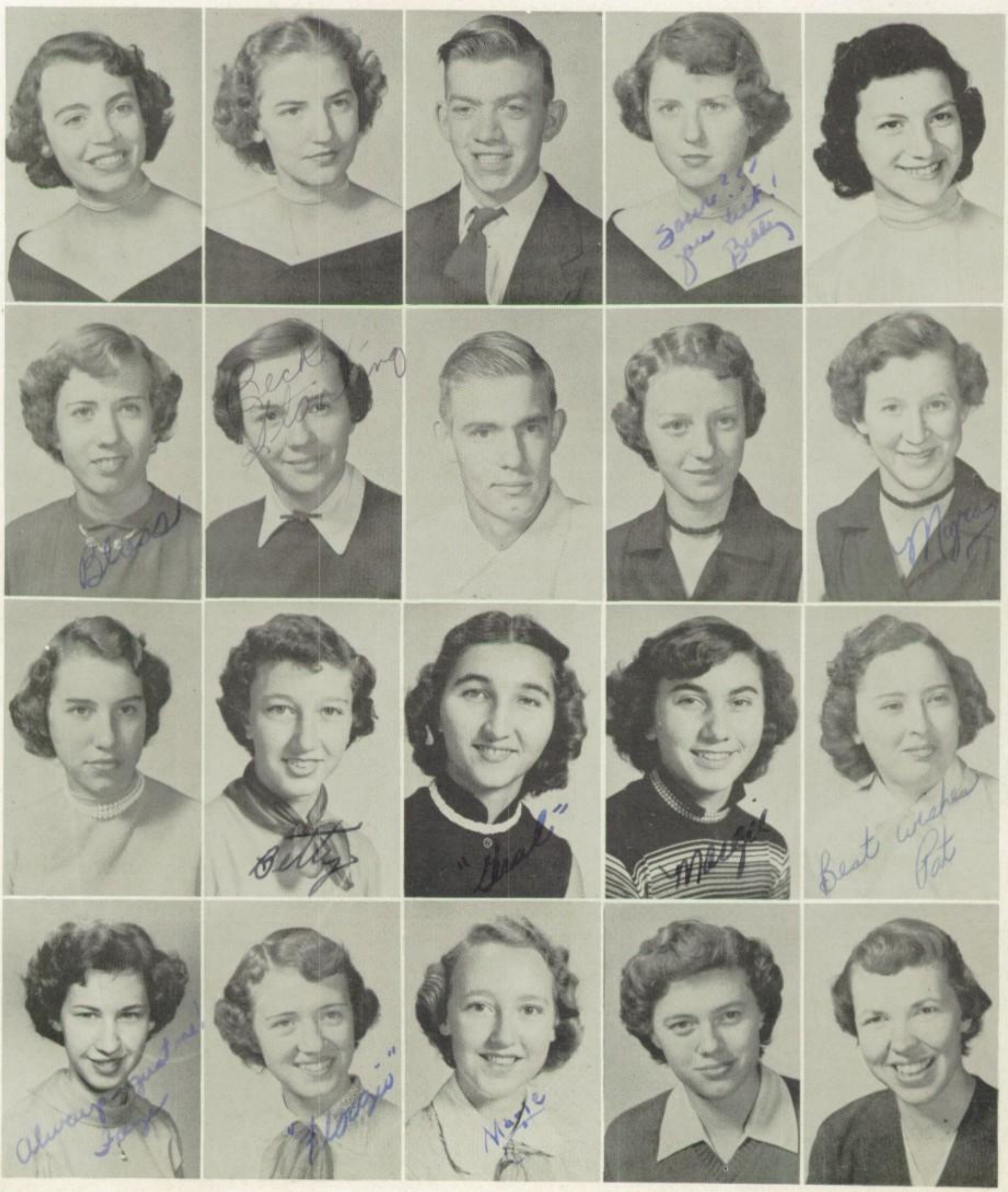

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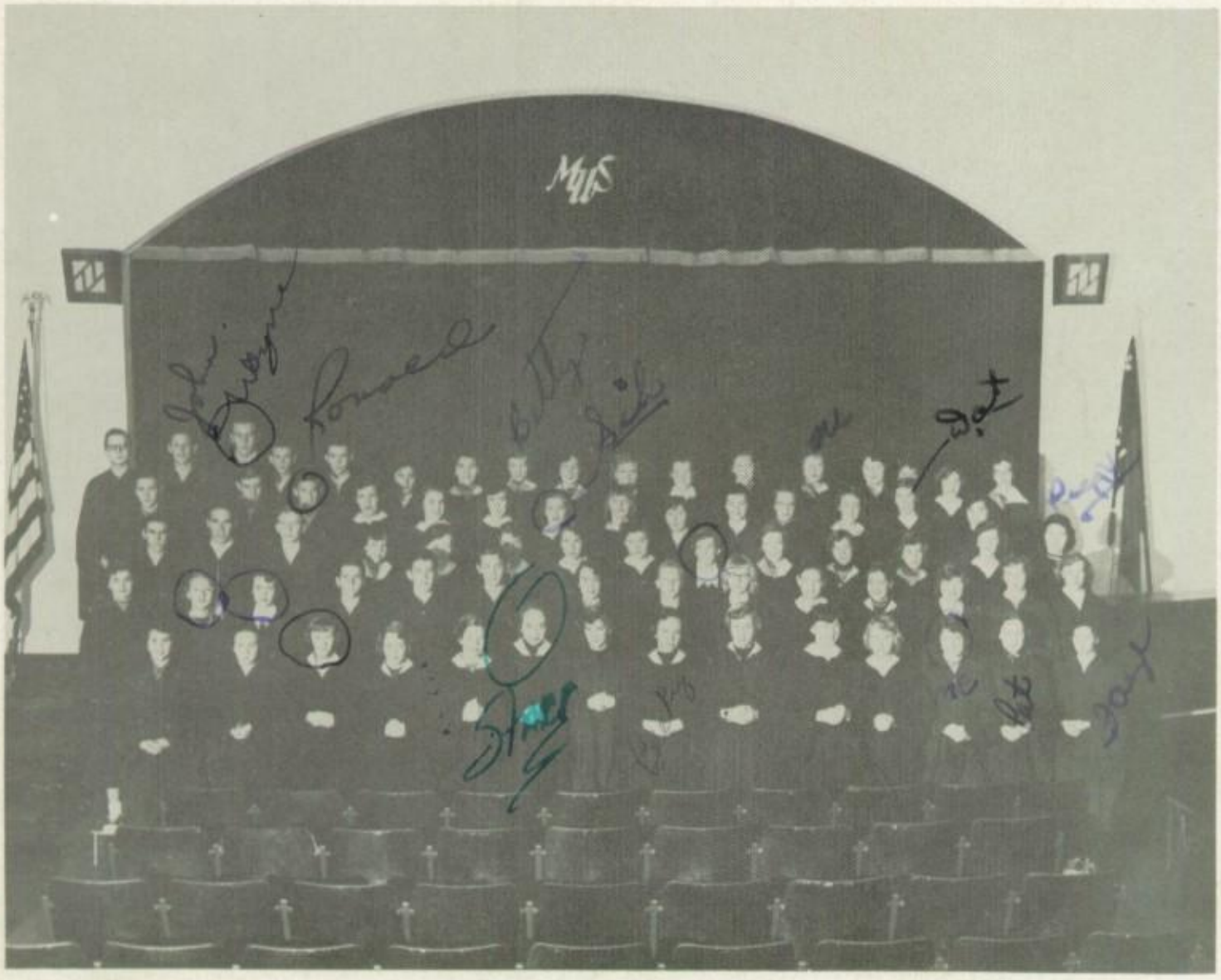

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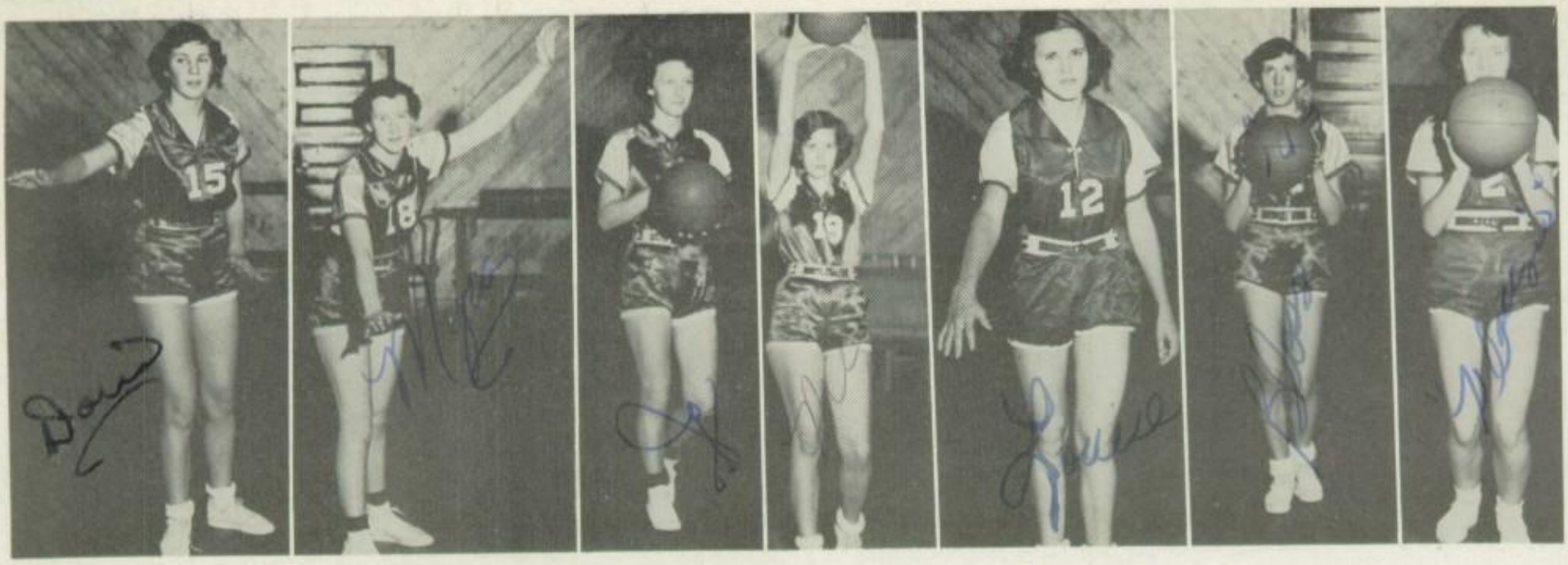

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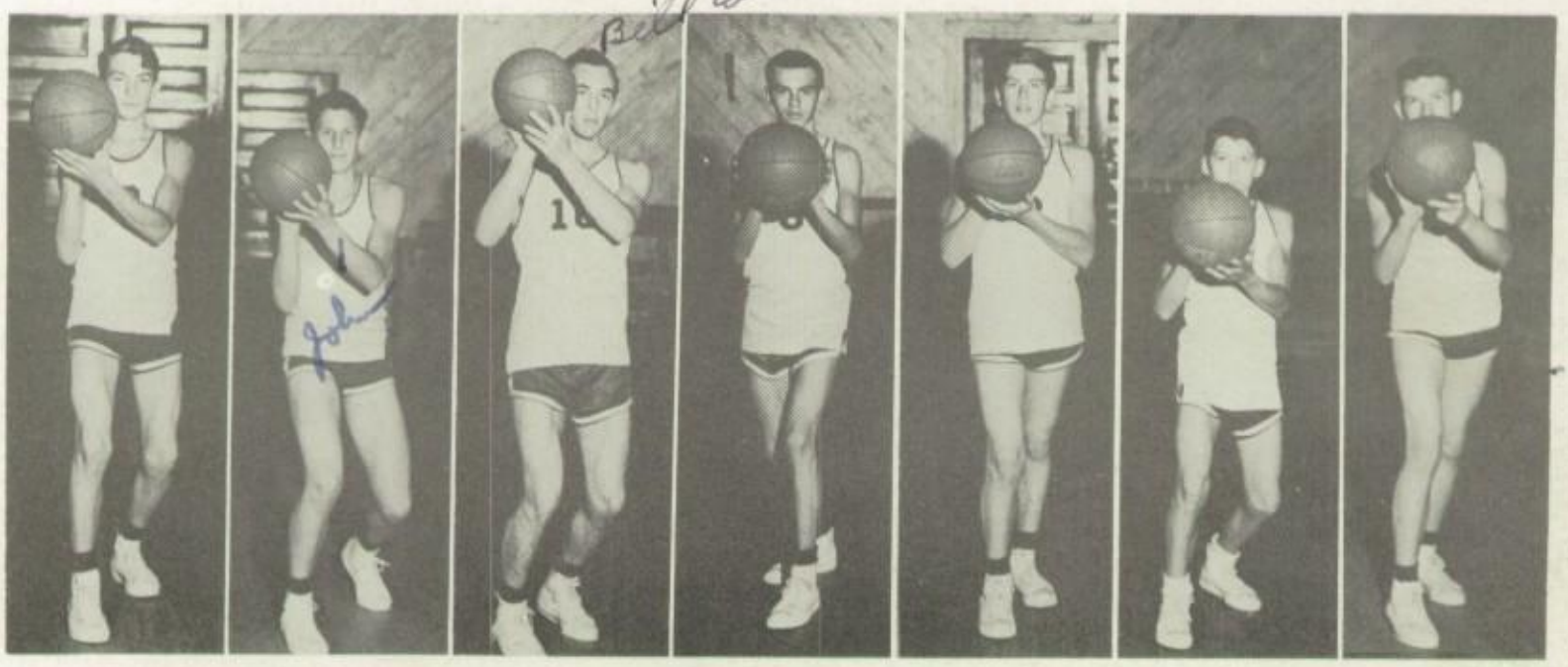

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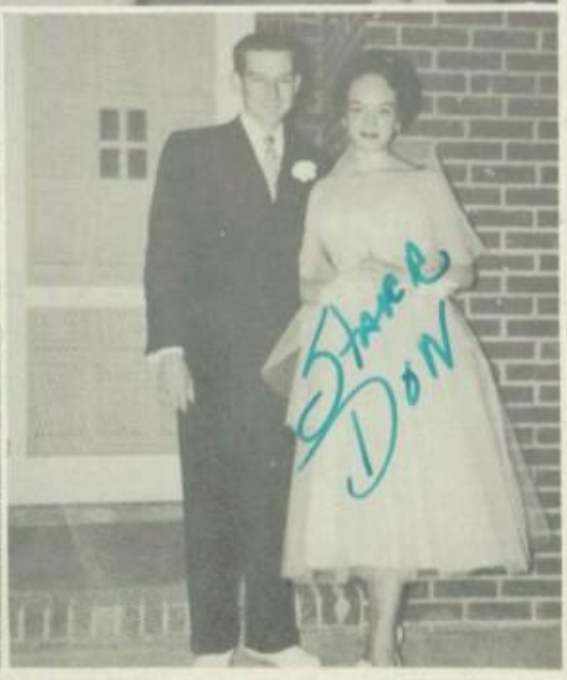

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Stevie Meadows

Last Will and Testament

As the sun sinks into the western sky and shadows fall across our paths—We the Seniors of the Class of '54, being of strong bodies, superior intelligence, and unmarred consciences, endeavor to leave to the underclassmen certain traits and characteristics never before acquired in the said institution. Realizing that our achievements have been outstanding and beyond reproach, we hope they will accept these characteristics bestowed upon them wholeheartedly and that they will carry on the splendid work for our dear Mount Ulla School.

First, to our Parents, for their loving care and faithful trust, we leave our hopes that our lives may be as successful as their fondest dreams would have them be.

Second, to Miss Ina Stevenson, Mr. Ralph O. Lanier and the entire faculty, we leave our heartfelt gratitude and appreciatiton for their kind efforts, lasting patience, and guidance which has made our high school career a successful one.

Third, as individuals, we leave our Last Will and Testament:

I, Jane Edwards, will to Jo Carol Graham my title of "Best Looking and Best All-Around" senior.

I, Carolyn Call, will my love for basketball to Annie Lee Greene.

I, Bobby Kistler, leave my 5th period study hall at the gym to Clifford Kerr.

I, J. Lee Turman, Jr., will my Shorthand book to anyone who can get more out of it than I did.

I, Nancy London, will my ability to wear a State College Class ring to anyone who may be that lucky.

I, Jackie Anderson, leave my love for sports to Bobby Boyd.

I, Faye Nell Graham, will my love for "Dear Old Mount Ulla High" to my sister, Doris, in hopes that she will benefit from it as much as I have.

I, Wayne Miller, leave my basketball suit (No. 15) to anyone who is large enough to fill it.

I, Doris Correll, will my ability to "catch a man" before graduation to Doris Cook. Hope she can do the same.

I, Wallace Beaver, leave my ability to graduate without excessive study, to Clifford Kerr.

I, Peggy West, leave my attitude towards freckles to Myra Lipe.

I, Jean Turman, leave my cheerleading uniform to my sister Carol, hoping she'll have as much fun using it as I did.

I, Barbara Davis, leave my love for sociology class to anyone who will enjoy it as much as I have.

We, Betty Miller and Peggy Haynes, leave our mid-night "hen-parties" and few and far-between fusses to Judith Brown and Becky Starling.

I, Peggy Beaver, will my 5th period study hall to Ronald Rice, hoping he will study more than I.

I, Shirley Graham, will my love for talking, when I should be working to Shelby Rex.

I, Donald Parker, leave my Studebaker to Marie Little hoping that she can get it to run faster than I.

I, Starr Starling, will my "eyes that could break a bulldog chain" to Gail Lowrance; and to Martha Jane and Becky, I leave my ability to always have a date, especially with a Mooresville Senior.

I, Jerry Lentz, leave to all the boys my ability to get along with Starr.

I, Bob McWilliams, will my store bought teeth to anyone who can use them better than I.

I, Helen McGee, will my bus (101), route, and passengers to anyone whose nerves will let him undertake the job.

I, Hazel Pinkston, will my typewriter to anyone who can get more words a minute than I did.

I, Bill Graham, being of strong mind and body hereby affix my signature to this Last Will and Testament of the Class of '54.

Witnesses:

Nancy London
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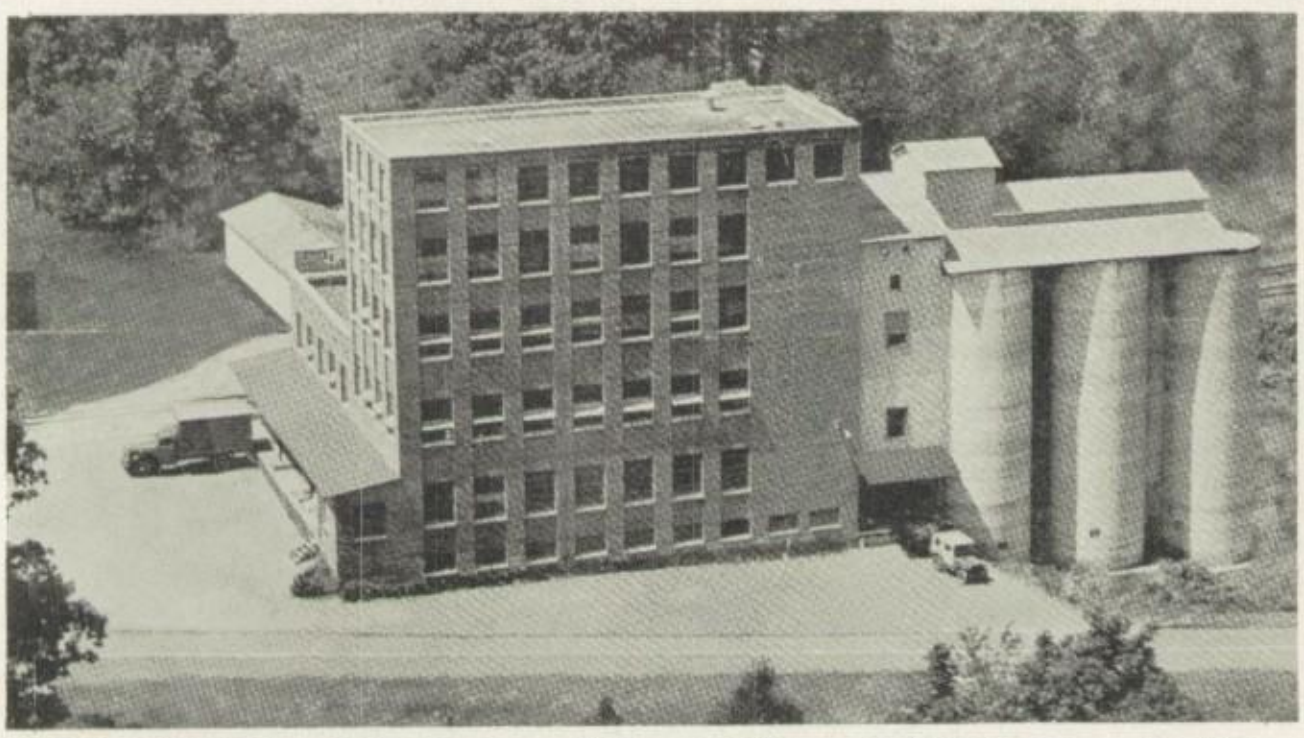

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Becky,
It really has been fun knowing you these past few years. It seems that you can always help cheer up a crowd of people. I certainly did enjoy being your mother in the Junior Play. You made a real cute child. The play was real good, and you helped make it that way. Always remember the fun we had practicing. It wasn't so much fun when it came time to get up the gumption to work you're doing.
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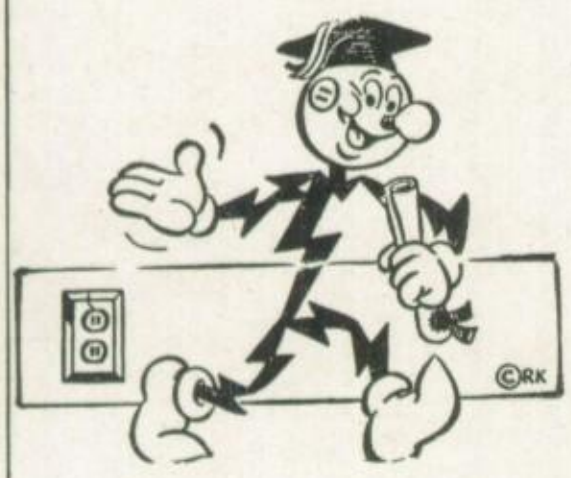

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Becky, dear, this has been a happy year for both of us, I'm sure. I was so proud of you in all that World Peace work, and especially giving me a chance to go with you to the big city. Didn't we have fun? I'll never forget that trip as long as I live.

Remember our experience in the jewelry store. (Maybe someday – if I get desperate – I'll go back and look up the dear man.)

You are a lot of fun to be with. Always keep your friendly way and you'll succeed.

I've enjoyed being your teacher this year and am looking forward in knowing you even better next year.

Always – Frances Easter

To Becky, my pal and friend –
Remember those days in study hall when we looked at the "Post"?
More fun! and dear friend! –
Killing magazines!

Becky dear, Such a fun year & am again; a fun day!
Easter list quite a list skeleton. Let's hand to
Gillian that we have just one
really Gillian's; why, it seems just like
last year together, when we started to school here
yesterday when we started to school we
at dear old MS. Miller, Shirley after our
started, how come two strangle. all that
we knew about them was that they were apart
Methodist Crowder's daughter; what was
did not know that this youngster was,
Becky by name, I mean, it
to dear Shaw. (Hoffman) Becky, I mean, it
Jan once. I found (is hard you to believe
that I'm not Kilpatrick; (Let's in mail) So
times! That first day, you came with 1st
Easter! Dear Gillian's welcomed
Jan because in way, (I was arguing) that
Gillian to speak at you were not so close, we have
paid to speak at you were not so close, we have
you separate ways, she kept learning
and a little nicely together
to her with a table, especially
remember Gillian already and (many
Gillian come with Gillian's and (many
Jan, I would come with Gillian's and (many
Jan, first talk. (the really should have
Jan, I Jan, (more fun.) Dear, Easter was fun.
But that Shaw is) Jan, (more fun.) Dear, Easter was fun.
The Lady (more fun.) Dear, Easter was fun.
Shaw and the Lady (more fun.) Dear, Easter was fun.
Shaw and the Lady (more fun.) Dear, Easter was fun.

Becky
It has been nice
being in school with you.
Best of wishes to a very
nice girl.

always
"Red"

Becky,
You're a plain nut, I've really enjoyed knowing you these past years and love your voice. May success come to a cute and deserving girl.

Love ya.
Janette

To Becky,
It has been great having you in school with us. Remember that you are a nice girl, keep that way. Best of luck in the future.

Always,
Barbara Manning

Reserved

Dear Becky,

It was a lucky day when Jan asked to date you. It has been a pleasure to have known you all these months. I guess the first night I dated you, was pretty dull, because you know that I'm not at home with someone I don't know. But after the first couple of dates I got to know you and found out how nice and sweet you are. Don't forget that night coming back from Thorolette when I asked you did you love me, it made me feel good when you said yes, You are the first girl that I ever said that too. You know by know that I am not much of a writer. And I have really enjoyed every minute I have been with you (that you don't think so). It was nice of you to give me that suede jacket & the cig. lighter, and I will always cherish them as long as I possess them. Well this is about all I have to write. And I will always remember you as long as I live.

Love always,

Ralph Hill

Reserved

Best wishes - but I'm still peeved 'cause you wouldn't take me with you to N.Y.!

Lucille Linette

Becky,

Well we are nearing the end of our third year knowing each other. It really seems like a life time to me.

It has really been fun having dinner together every Sunday for the last (year) especially here of late. You certainly are a sweet kid and for all my life I will remember you. Be good stay sweet.

Martha Jane

Becky.

It has been loads of fun being in school with you. But I'm still going to get even with you for stealing first place in the contest Ha! Ha!

No kidding you're a real sweet kid!

Lots of luck!

Margie Weaver

Becky-
Gal. May success & happiness be yours. A friend,
Shirley Fairbanks

May the best of luck come your way in life.
James Bollinger

Becky.
It has really been fun knowing you. To the one who really deserves it, may the best of everything that this world has in store come your way.

David Graham.

Becky,
I have certainly enjoyed knowing you in my high school days! It wouldn't have been right without you especially in Grade class.
Stay as you are and you will always find friends. Think of me at L.R.

Mary London

Becky,
I have really enjoyed being in school with you these past years. I must say you are a real nice "old pal" and friends and deserve the best of luck and happiness that life can offer. Don't ever forget these good old school day.

Luck Always,
Myra Lipe

Becky,
It really has been fun being in school with you these years. May the best of everything come your way in the future.

A friend
Mary Sue Walker

Becky, I have enjoyed knowing you these past years. May success and happiness always come to such a sweet girl.

A friend
Louise Lupfer

Be good and stay as sweet as you are now and I know everything you want will be yours!

A friend,
Janet Dobbins

Becky.
May the best of everything be yours in the future.

Love ya!
Betty Briggs

Becky, I have really enjoyed being in school with you. I hope the best will always be yours. Best wishes
"Get Tanned"

Well, here goes. I just want to remind you of all the wonderful times we've had together. Especially that night you and Judith stayed with me. Poor girl! She was so sleepy. Remember the "pickle juice" too! Wonder why Judith got in such a hurry!" And the 7th grade room! You bad girl! How about decorating for the Jr. Sr.? Wonder what Judith was doing!?! Don't forget our "little discussion" after school. That's what I want to tell. All those cakes! Honestly! That's not all either. We almost got caught. Remember? And don't forget the haunted house! Golly. such times. And don't forget today either and our Ping-Pong!

I guess I had better stop this gossip column. So here's wishing a sweet gal all the luck in the world. It couldn't happen to a more deserving person.

Luck to ya.
Pat Cook

Becky, it's truly an inspiration to have you in my classes. Don't let anything dim your literary appreciation, and I'm sure you'll find much enjoyment. May the best be yours!
Ina Stevenson

Becky,
May the best
Everything be
yours always,
Good Luck,
Bill
Carpenter

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Dear Becky, It certainly has been a pleasure going to school with you for the last few years. Really you have added a lot of enjoyment to our classes. I hope the last year will be even more pleasant. Here's wishing you the best of everything. Keep up the good work Maybe you'll get to go to Europe (& some other places) some day.

Best wishes,
Nancy Miller

Becky,
It has been a pleasure being in school with you these past few years. You are a very sweet girl to know. May the best of everything come your way.

Best Wishes,
Phyllis Winnett

Good luck to a very intelligent gal! (now don't let it go to your head 'cause it's big enough!) Stay yourself and people will always like you. Good luck to you and that marvelous guy!

Best wishes,
Betty Miller

Becky, Have a lovely summer.
Love,
Linda Downes

Becky,
For a discerning
girl - heres wishing
Luck, happiness, and
success to a fun-loving
girl!
(fun!)

Sheeky Goodman

Becky, it's been lots of fun being in school with you and especially in French class. You're as smell classmate and its been fun being with you. I came your way in the first of everything your boy-friends.
Good luck with your
Always,
Doris Z.
Carely

Becky,
I really enjoyed knowing you these past couple years. Remember the "frogs" in our theatre in Glee Club! I was crossword puzzles in Study Hall were fun, too. Maybe will be able to work one in one period someday! Be good.
Luck -
John Kepler

Becky,
It has been
fun being in school
with you for the past
2 years, hope next year
will be as enjoyable as this
one has been. Girl you can
really sing. keep up the good
work!
A school pal,
Jane Collins

P.S. Be good!

Becky,

Remember all our good times together, for we have really had some! Remember the time we started to the mountains. Keep that sweet smile and bubbly personality and I'm sure that you will get far in life. As you walk down memory lane I only ask that you do one thing. That is to look back on the sands of time and remember me as I do you. The best.

God bless always, and May God bless you.

Love always,

Richard Bailey

Dearest Becky, (Brother!! Wlew!) 5/-7-54.

well ole girl peers like about 1 more year here and you and I will be no longer together every day with our few-far-between fusses. Boy they certainly didn't knock us very well did they? They always say though that fusses always come in true love and I Course ours is true. Don't it? Don't tell Jimmy and Ralph though. They might get jealous. This is ole Dons Cooks pen I'm using so don't say anything. It is now about 3 days later and I'm in History. Anyway we do have only 1 more year here at ole Mt. Ulla. Woo Woo. But Maybe we can meet again sometime. If you don't get too far back in the Hills I might come to see you when I'm a Bride.

Remember all the good times were had together! Its a pity we can't date together. I could make you behave! Boy I bet I sure need too. Don't forget the times we spent with ole Doris Cook and Jack Ray and your House!! Dont forget last year the Next to the last day of school. And don't forget yesterday in History. If you would have kept going you would have gotten funny. Don't forget Miss Ina and her giggles and her Salutes. Remember the fainting and field day. 17

You know when you loose your temper like you did yesterday I'm sorta glad you didn't turn out to be a sister-in-law.

Remember the Jr. Sr. and the play, boy we really had a time didn't we. I got to tell you my just good and proper. You needed it though. That day we went to Mocksville and you and Doris spying on me and my "feller". By the way Jimmy is cuttie looking and can beat Ralf up any time. I could kick you — for telling Jimmy that. Don't forget Jr. Sr. night when we came all the way up to the lake for those Alamo ole Dudes. I was scared stiff but afraid to let you know for fear that you would run off and leave me. You know my two weaknesses are sleeping and [illegible]

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